

Midwest Bits and Pieces

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BASIL ANTHONY MOREAU MEMORIAL LIBRARY BUDA, TEXAS



The Mission Parish of Santa Cruz, under the leadership of Fr. Richard Teall, c.s.c., just celebrated its 50th anniversary, and as a part of that celebration they raised money to get matching funds from the state government to build the Basil Anthony Moreau Memorial Library which is nearing completion.

As you come into downtown Buda, Texas, off I 35 you will see the library to your left. It takes its place among the red brick and limestone buildings which are quite common in small town central Texas. The building is field limestone and has a blue green metal roof.

Moreau Memorial City Library stands as a testament to the members of Santa Cruz parish and its Holy Cross pastors. All of Holy Cross can be proud of this library which has its origins in our mission history and attests to our labor among God's people.

FR. CLAUDE GROU, C.S.C. 25TH

Brothers, priests and sisters celebrated Fr. Claude Grou's 25th anniversary of priesthood on the Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent. Holy Cross in Central Texas is a sizable community—about 100 members.

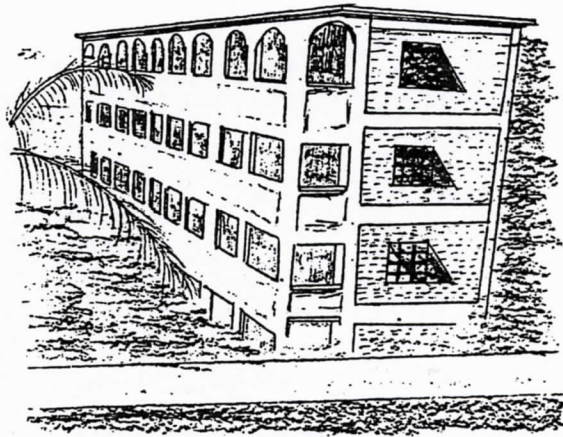
Bro. Donald Blauvelt, South-West Provincial, welcomed Holy Cross at the liturgy in the Queen

of Peace Chapel at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas. Fr. Claude Grou celebrated the liturgy and the homily was given by Fr. Leonard Collins of the Southern Province. The choir was under the direction of Bro. Joseph Barry and the music was provided by Fr. Bernard Flemming.

The formal dinner followed in the Maloney Room on the third floor of the main building. At the evening's end Bro. Donald presented the General with a portable printer so that "he could send more circular letters while he was on the road."

Congratulations, Claude,
on your 25th.

HOLY CROSS ASPIRANCY HOUSE NARINDA-DHAKA, BANGLADESH



Vice-Provinces are in relationship to a Province of origin and dependent upon the province of origin for manpower and financial support. The St. Joseph Vice-Province is dependent upon the Midwest Province and we have been assisting them over the years. Here is a description of their latest project.

Construction was begun on Holy Cross Aspirancy House in February of 1993 and will be completed

by March of 1994. This building is illustrated as far as present construction has been completed. The building is made of reinforced concrete and brick. The wooden doors, steel window frames, steel beds and lockers were fabricated by the St. Joseph Industrial School which stands about 200 yards from the aspirancy. The building site is the same piece of property as the present juniorate. The kitchen and the dining room will be added to the present construction as these older buildings are removed. The over all cost of the building will be about \$150,000.00. Money came from Missio in Germany, Propaganda Fide, the Midwest Province, Brothers and friends of Holy Cross.

Upon completion there will be facilities for about 50 aspirants from the two vice-provinces. This building is divided into four dorms, library, chapel, dining room, kitchen, infirmary and study rooms. The building has a central stairwell and the showers and lavatories are at one end of each of the floors. To facilitate the flow of air with the opposing door and window set up there will be ceiling fans in each of the rooms along with lights and wall plugs for appliances.

Presently the building is half full with the aspirants. These are young men between the ages of 16-20 years of age who are studying at Notre Dame College in Dhaka. When complete the building will house 50 men who come from the villages and tribal areas of Bangladesh. During their stay they will complete the 11th through 14th grades of school. 50% to 60% of these men go on to the novitiate in Barisal south of Dhaka.

Their daily schedule is much like we remember from our formation days. 5:00 am rising, prayer, and eucharist...6:30 breakfast, bicycle to school, about two miles...1:00 pm return for lunch, nap, work, study and play...6:30 pm prayer, supper, study and retiring. The construction project is under Bro. Bijoy Rodrigues. The program is co-directed by Bro. Benoy Gomes and Fr. Eugene Aujus.

Our best to all for their fine work in the Church of Bangladesh.



NOT BY BREAD ALONE
Brother serves in two vocations

Grant Segall

"Then what did I do?" Brother Richard Keller asks himself. "Whew!" He leans back and swivels his chair. "Let's see. Where did I go?" He presses his hands together as if praying. "I've been around a lot. Let me backtrack here...."

The phone rings. "Yeah, I'll get you some cookies," says Keller, head chef at Gilmour Academy. "I'll bake them for you....You're going to Notre Dame? You'll need about 40 dozen...OK, I'll do them, and I'll have them tomorrow."

Keller hangs up. "Poor lady," he says, "Good lady." The caller has nursed her mother through a brain tumor and her daughter, a Gilmour graduate, through open-heart surgery. Now the daughter attends Notre Dame University and the caller likes to bring her Keller's cookies.

"You never say no," he explains.

But 40 dozen? Well, he figures he couldn't feed one student and neglect the others in her dormitory.

A young cook leans into Keller's cinder block office. "Anything else?"

"No," Keller tells him. "You've got school."

"I could stick around longer if you need me."

"No, we're all set."

The youth leaves. He goes to Lake Erie College, not Gilmour. But Keller still feels responsible.

Calling Keller a cafeteria director would be like calling Noah a boatman. His many friends and acquaintances say he's one of Greater Cleveland's top gourmets, men about town and do-gooders.

Despite his customary seven-day workweek, Keller always seems to be busy with extracurricular – giving people rides, visiting strangers in hospitals, cooking for fund-raising dinners, visiting restaurants, recruiting the chefs for the American Culinary Federation, taking food classes, teaching them, serving on civic committees, riding with police in search of victims to comfort and cooking for local caterers.

Why help profit-making business people?

For one thing, "They give me a donation and I'll give it back to the brothers," says Keller, who belongs to Gilmour's order, the Brothers of Holy Cross.

For another, "If I need help sometime, they can help me."

He has asked them for help at Gilmour only once. But he says the principle is the same. "Life is reaching out and helping other people"

Keller, 52, says Thanksgiving reminds him of how much he has to be thankful for. "God has given me so many talents and so much to do."

Friends say he does it without seeming ruffled or rushed. "He's got his fingers in so many pies, it's amazing he can keep it all straight," says Vern Weber, retired athletic director, now an administrative associate at Gilmour. "He's a miracle worker."

"Compared to other schools, it's a lot better," says Maurice Kennard, one of 633 students on this leafy campus in Gates Mills.

"I like the noodles and beef tips," says student Bill Jirousek.

Keller says he and his staff of 12 make everything from scratch, down to the bread. Lunch dishes vary from the humble Gilmour-burger to chocolate mousse.

Keller gets fancier at night, feeding about 75 residential students and staffers. He stages many theme nights – Halloween, German night, Italian night – with food and decor to match. For birthdays, he'll serve requests such as baked Alaska or cherries jubilee.

He trots out really fancy stuff – ice sculptures, stuffed potato nests, the tiramasu – at official functions and benefits. He hosts or helps out at dinners for the Fraternal Order of Police, the Christ Child Society, North Coast Harvest and many other organizations.

He also supervises an annual 10-person, 12-course dinner donated by the Culinary Federation and auctioned by Gilmour for up to \$3,000.

These sorts of banquets have led to Keller's induction in the Chaine des Rotisseurs, the world's leading culinary society.

Big meals come naturally to Keller. He was born on a 350-acre farm near Mansfield, "in a little town called, Bethlehem," as the 11th child of 12 children, edging his twin brother by a minute and a half.

From about age 8, Keller helped his mother feed their massive family. "By the time I was a sophomore in high school, I was cooking for the Moose, cooking for the church bazaars. By the time I was a senior, I was running the church kitchen."

But he was skillful with more than a skillet. He finished third among 150 applicants for six tool-and-die making jobs with General Motors. The job paid good money and a new car every year, he says. But he gave it up to join the order. "I loved it, but I wanted to do more with my life."

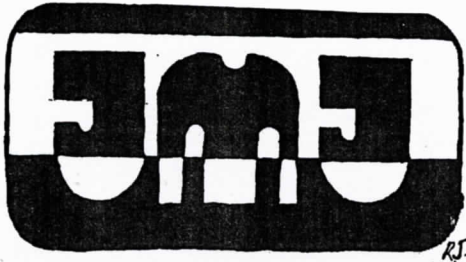
Keller worked for the order for several years in Wisconsin and in South Bend, Ind., mostly as a chef. Then, 16 years ago, he was forced out of the kitchen by a case of hepatitis and sent to Gilmour to supervise overnight students.

"Oh, dear God, I used to be up all night," he

recalls. "One boy was out until seven in the morning."

After regaining his health, Keller began to work for a food service company in Gilmour's kitchen. A few years ago, he took over the kitchen from the company.

Cooking may not seem spiritual, but Keller says it's a way to touch souls. "A meal can change a person's life." (Cleveland Plain Dealer, November 27, 1993.)



BROTHER JOSEPH ANNAN RE-ELECTED DISTRICT SUPERIOR FOR A 3rd TERM

During its 9th District Chapter held at Holy Cross Continuing Formation Center, at Brafuyaw, Cape Coast, from December 17 to December 24, 1993, the District of West Africa re-elected Brother Joseph Annan, CSC, to serve a third term as District Superior. Brother Michael Amakyi, CSC, was elected Councillor. Brother Michael is responsible for recruitment and formation. Brother Frederick McGlynn, CSC, was appointed Assistant District Superior and is responsible for personnel. Rev. Robert Gilmour, CSC, was appointed Secretary and is also responsible for planning. Brother Paul Mensah, CSC, appointed Council member responsible for finances.

Brothers Michael Amakyi and Paul Mensah were elected delegates together with Brother Joseph Annan, the District Superior, an ex officio member, to the 1994 Midwest Provincial Chapter.

In attendance at the Chapter was Brother Thomas Moser, CSC, Midwest Province Provincial, Brother James Nichols, representative from East Africa and Novice Director for the East and West Africa joint novitiate program located at Saka, Uganda. Brother Raymond Papenfuss, CSC, Midwest Mission Promoter was Assistant Moderator with Brother Frederick McGlynn, CSC, as Moderator.

Also present were Sisters Madeline Therese Wilmot, CSC (Ghana), Jane Chantal Method, CSC (Ghana) and Patricia Gantz, CSC, Novice Director for the Sisters of the Holy Cross in East Africa.

During the Chapter, the members in the district clarified its mission, reaffirmed its commitment to finding ways and means of becoming self-sufficient both in finances and in personnel. The members also recommitted themselves to formation and recruitment as a way of continuing the mission of Holy Cross in this part of the world; to religious life to witness the gospel values we profess and to commit ourselves to planning as a way to forge our future.

BROTHER ANTHONY DADZIE, C.S.C., MAKES FINAL VOWS

Brother Anthony Kobina Dadzie, CSC, made his final commitment in Holy Cross on December 27, 1993 at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Cape Coast. Archbishop Peter Turkson of Cape Coast presided and gave the homily with Brother Thomas Moser, Provincial Superior of Midwest Province receiving Brother Anthony's vows.

As an old boy at the Cathedral parish, Tony's final vows celebration not only brought good memories among the altar boys but also an occasion to say thanks to God for their son, brother, friend - Brother Tony Dadzie for responding to the call of the Lord in religious life.

For all of the members in the district - the priest, sisters, and brothers, the day was a moment of joy, hope and thanksgiving to God for making it possible to see one more member added perpetually to the family of Holy Cross.

The exuberant congregation including the family of Brother Anthony, graced the occasion.

Brother Anthony entered the novitiate on September 12, 1986, He made his first vows on September 15, 1987. Brother Anthony is a trained teacher. Currently he is an assistant headteacher of St. Augustine's Junior Secondary School at Cape Coast.

The entire Congregation of Holy Cross wishes you well Brother Anthony and may God bless you!